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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL
LETTER AND REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §
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Invention Title
**OPERATOR BUTTONS AS
ACTIVE BUTTONS**

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Reg. No. 22,490

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the January 30, 2003 Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the January 30, 2003 Office Action, for which a response period expiring on April 30, 2003 was set. The extended period expires on May 30, 2003. Please charge the \$110.00 extension fee to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

There is no additional claims fee, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

Dated:

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By:

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the section captioned "Abstract" and replace such deleted section with the following replacement section:

B' A programmable controller has a processing unit, a display screen, an operator unit, and signal inputs and signal outputs. The processing unit, the display screen, the operator unit, the signal inputs, and signal outputs are accommodated in a common housing, and switching functions can be programmed by the user on the basis of predetermined functions by using a menu-assisted user interface on the display screen. A button of the operator unit can be switched to an active button through the use of a programmable function, such that the sequence of a switching function depends on operation of this button.